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SUBJECT: UN PROGRAM BUDGET

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1. MISOFF INVITED SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP FOKIN TO LUNCH MARCH 23 IN ORDER TO GIVE HIM US REPLY TO SOVIET REQUEST OF FEBRUARY 14 FOR GREATER US COOPERATION WITH SOVS ON BUDGETARY AND MANAGEMENT MATTERS.

2. MISOFF SAID US THOUGHT GREATER COOPERATION WAS POSSIBLE BUT BELIEVED IT COULD BEST BE APPROACHED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. CERTAINLY MORE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES. MISOFF, HOWEVER, CAUTIONED AGAINST GIVING SMALL CONTRIBUTORS IMPRESSION THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE GANGING UP ON THEM, SINCE THIS COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. MISOFF ALSO RELATED TO FOKIN GIST OF SCRANTON-WALDHEIM MEETING LAST SEPTEMBER AND SAID US DOES NOT INTEND TO APPROACH WALDHEIM SPECIFICALLY ON HIS 1978-79 PROGRAM BUDGET PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THEIR BEING FINALIZED.

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3. FOKIN SAID HE WAS PLEASED BY US REPLY; IT WAS SIMILAR, HE ADDED, TO THAT RECEIVED FROM SOME OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS WHICH SOVIETS HAD APPROACHED, ALTHOUGH SOME HAD BEEN WILLING TO MEET SOVIET WISHES FOR COOPERATION EVEN MORE FULLY. HE SAID SOV PERM REP TROYANOVSKY NOW HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW TO MAKE FORMAL DEMARCHE TO WALDHEIM ON 1978-79 PROGRAM BUDGET

AND THIS WOULD BE DONE EITHER LATER THIS WEEK OR NEXT MONDAY.
TROYANOVSKY PLANNED TO COMPLIMENT WALDHEIM FOR THE RECENT
EFFORTS HE HAD MADE TO BRING BUDGETARY GROWTH UNDER BETTER CONTROL
(FOKIN SAID IN TRUTH WALDHEIM HAD ACCOMPLISHED A LITTLE
RECENTLY;
IN WORKING OVER THE 78-79 BUDGET, REAL GROWTH WAS NOW
DOWN FROM OVER 6 TO ABOUT 5 PERCENT ALTHOUGH THIS WAS STILL FAR
FROM THE TWO PERCENT GOAL). AT THE SAME TIME TROYANOVSKY
PLANNED TO SPEAK STERNLY AND PERHAPS EVEN HARSHLY ABOUT
WALDHEIM'S FAILURE TO EXERCISE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO ELIMINATE
OBSOLETE AND MARGINAL PROGRAMS.

4. FOKIN SAID IN PASSING THAT UN SHOULD COPY THE EXAMPLE OF
THE US PRIVATE SECTOR (MENTIONING CHASE MANHATTAN BANK SPEC-
IFICALLY, WHICH HE SAID HAD DONE AN IMPRESSIVE JOB OF INTRO-
DUCING LABOR SAVING TECHNOLOGY) OR OF AN ENTERPRISE IN THE SOVIET
UNION, AND BEGIN TO EXERCISE TRUE MANAGEMENT RES-
POSIBILITY. YOUNG

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